



# JESUS IS BETRAYED

MATTHEW 26:14-16, 47-56

## GOAL

▶ To teach children that no matter what we've done, God extends us mercy and grace.

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## WORDS TO KNOW

▶ **Prophecy:** information regarding future events that God gives to a person, usually called a prophet.

**Prophet:** a person to whom God communicates future events; often used to warn people to repent.

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## MEMORY VERSES

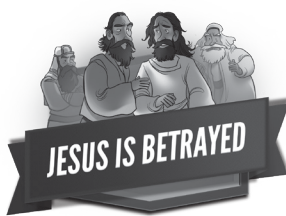
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## OVERVIEW

▶ **Read Matthew 26:14-16, 47-56:** Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' 12 disciples, went to the chief priests and asked them what they would give him if he turned Jesus over to them. They paid him 30 silver coins for his help. When Jesus led His disciples to pray with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, Judas led a crowd of people carrying clubs and swords to the garden to arrest Jesus. He told them to arrest the man who he kissed. Judas walked up to Jesus, kissed Him, and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" When the armed men seized Jesus, one of the disciples who had been praying with Jesus in the garden drew his sword and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear. Jesus told His disciple to put his weapon away. He explained to His disciple and everyone there, that everything that was about to happen to Him would fulfill the prophecies about His life.



## SUGGESTIONS

- **We Have All Sinned:** The chief priests condemned an innocent man. The disciple acted out of anger and cut off a man's ear. Even in the presence of Jesus, these people sinned and showed their need for a savior.
- **We Are Saved by Faith:** One of Jesus' disciples attacked the high priest's servant with a sword, but Jesus made it clear that his mission did not require him to fight, but to trust that everything was working out as it had been planned.
- **We Can Trust God's Word:** While parts of this story may feel like a defeat, Jesus makes it clear that everything that happened was purposeful, fulfilling the promises of Scripture.

## PRE-LESSON ACTIVITY

**Ages 5-10** **Flipped Out** | **Supplies:** flip book printout; scissors; single-hole puncher; string or brass brad fasteners

Find a one-page flip-book template with a person or character that will move, and print out enough copies for each student. Cut out the pages of the flip book, and mix up the order, but keep the sets together. Give each student a mixed-up set of flip-book pages, and instruct them to put them in order so that when flipped from the right side, the person or character moves smoothly.

On the back of the flip book, instruct the students to write, or write it for them, "This has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." —Matthew 26:56

Predictions about how Jesus would live His life and what would happen in His life were recorded years before He was born. He lived His life in such a way that it fulfilled all of the prophecies, which led to our salvation.

## MEMORY VERSE MEANING

**Matthew 26:56:** Despite knowing what humanity would do, God planned out the birth, life, and death of His Son so that we could all be saved and restore our relationship with Him. This plan is revealed in the prophecies about the Messiah.

**Acts 3:18:** God had planned to send Jesus to die for our sins before He created the world. Not only did He create this plan for our salvation, but He fulfilled every prophecy that foretold the life of Jesus.



## POST-LESSON ACTIVITY

▶ **Ages 5-10 Shopping List** | The first player starts the game by saying, "I went shopping and bought a \_\_\_\_\_," identifying an item they would buy. The second player continues, "I went shopping and bought a (names the first player's item) and a \_\_\_\_ (adding a new item to the list)." Players continue taking turns to remember the items purchased in order as the list gets longer and longer. The winner is the last person who can correctly name all of the items in sequence.

Point out to the students that God made a plan to send Jesus to be our Savior before He created the universe. He knew precisely how His Son's life would play out, and this information was communicated to prophets, which was recorded in the Scriptures. Jesus' life fulfilled each and every one of the prophecies about His life.

## TAKE HOME

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- **We Have All Sinned:** It's important to remember that no sin is worse than another, so while it seems like we may never have done anything as bad as betraying Jesus, there really is no difference between telling a lie and selling out the Savior. As sinners, we desperately need a Savior!
  - **We Are Saved by Faith:** Often, we see a problem and we want to do something to fix it. Sometimes, God will give us instruction on how to fix the problem, other times, we just need to wait and watch what God does to fix it. Either way, we should rely on our faith to save us from situations we encounter in life.
  - **We Can Trust God's Word:** While parts of this story may feel like a defeat, Jesus makes it clear that everything that happened was purposeful, fulfilling the promises of Scripture. We can always trust the promises of God's Word!



## QUESTION & ANSWER

### SLIDE 1



**Q1a:** How much did the chief priest pay Judas Iscariot?

**A1:** The chief priests paid Judas Iscariot 30 silver coins.

**Q1b:** How much would someone have to offer you for you to give up your favorite toy?

**Teacher's Note:** Let the students consider this and answer if they want. Something we consider a favorite is usually something we love and use daily or on a regular basis, so selling it would be a really difficult prospect. Because we value it more than it is probably worth, we would probably ask for a lot of money. Judas spent years of his life following Jesus, and yet, he sold Him to the chief priests for 30 silver coins, which was not a lot of money at the time.

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### SLIDE 2

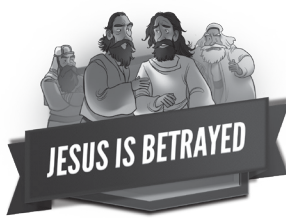


**Q2a:** Who did Jesus see approaching the garden with a large crowd of people?

**A2:** Jesus saw Judas approaching the garden with a large crowd of people.

**Q2b:** Would you feel scared of a group of people if a friend of yours was with them?

**TN:** Seeing a friend usually makes us feel comfortable even if he or she is with a bunch of people we don't know. Judas was counting on this, as his plan relied on Jesus trusting him



## QUESTION & ANSWER

### SLIDE 3



**Q3a:** What was the signal that Judas arranged with the people so they would know who to arrest?

**A3:** Judas told the people to arrest the man who he kissed.

**Q3b:** How would you describe what you look like to someone who doesn't know you?

**TN:** Let the students answer. Rather than just tell the authorities how they could recognize Jesus by describing what He looked like, Judas gave them a signal that would reveal the person they were there to arrest.

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### SLIDE 4



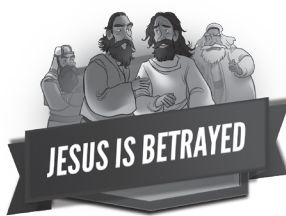
**Q4a:** What did one of the disciples do when the crowd captured Jesus?

**A4:** One of the disciples drew his sword and cut off the ear of the high priest's servant.

**Q4b:** How would you react if a friend betrayed you?

**TN:** Let the students respond. We would be hurt, and we would probably react out of anger, much like the disciple who drew his sword. In this case, Jesus had done nothing wrong. He could have defended Himself by declaring His innocence. He could have reacted and said something out of anger to Judas for his behavior. Instead, Jesus just told Judas to do what he came to do.





## QUESTION & ANSWER

### SLIDE 5



**Q5a:** Why didn't Jesus call on God to save Him?

**A5:** Jesus didn't call on God to save Him because everything was happening according to plan.

**Q5b:** What is your favorite song?

**TN:** Let students answer. Ask them if they know all the words to the song. Knowing all the words to a song or having watched a movie so many times we have some of the lines memorized is a very small way what it was like for Jesus at this moment. He knew what was going to happen. He had seen happen before it had ever happened.

### SLIDE 6



**Q6a:** Why did Jesus say the people waited to arrest Him?

**A6:** Jesus said the people waited to arrest Him because it fulfilled the writings of the prophets.

**Q6b:** Would it be okay to never speak to a friend again if he brought you a soda when you asked for lemonade?

**TN:** No! Reacting that way is a total overreaction. The people in the crowd may not have been able to pick Jesus out of a crowd, but they knew of what He had been doing—teaching in the temple and healing people. None of those things warranted coming armed with clubs and swords and it definitely didn't justify arresting Jesus.



SLIDE 7

## QUESTION & ANSWER

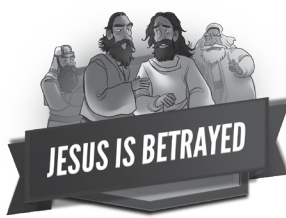


**Q7a:** What did the disciples do after Jesus was arrested?

**A7:** The disciples fled in fear after Jesus was arrested.

**Q7b:** If a friend were accused of something she did not do, would you defend her or pretend you didn't know her?

**TN:** Let the students consider their answers. We'd all like to believe that we would stand by our friends and defend her, but in some situations, we abandon people when they most need us. Jesus didn't need His disciples to stand up for Him. We should be strong enough to stand up for the truth.



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### BIG IDEA

▶ Jesus came to give his life for everyone, no matter what they've done.

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### CLOSING PRAYER

▶ Father God, thank You for sending Your Son to die for our sins. Thank You for the mercy and grace You give us each day. Help us to stand strong in our faith when we meet challenges in our lives. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.





## LESSON TRANSCRIPT

### SLIDE 1



Sometime before Jesus took His disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane, Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' 12 disciples, went to the chief priests and asked them, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Jesus over to you?" They paid Judas 30 silver coins to carry out this deed. From then on, Judas was watching for an opportunity to hand over Jesus.

### SLIDE 2



After He had finished praying, Jesus was speaking to his disciples Peter, James, and John when He saw Judas approaching with a large crowd following behind. The chief priests and the elders had sent the crowd armed with swords and clubs.

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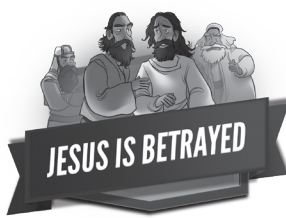


Because the people in the crowd did not know what Jesus looked like, Judas arranged a signal so that they would know which person to arrest. Judas said, "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." When Judas arrived at the garden, he walked right up to Jesus, said, "Greetings, Rabbi!," and kissed him.

### SLIDE 4



Jesus looked at Judas and said, "Do what you came for, friend." Then the men in the crowd stepped forward, seized Jesus, and arrested him. One of the disciples who came to pray with Jesus in the garden saw what was happening, so he drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.



## LESSON TRANSCRIPT

### SLIDE 5



Jesus told His disciple to put his sword away and explained that everything was happening just as it was supposed to and just as it should. “Do you think I cannot call on my Father to save me from this? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

### SLIDE 6



Jesus then turned to those in the angry crowd and said, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day, I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. All of this is happening so that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

### SLIDE 7



As it became clear that Jesus was going to be taken to the chief priests, Jesus’ disciples fled in fear of being punished along with Him. They abandoned Jesus, leaving Him alone to face the suffering He would endure to save the world from its sin.